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## AUSTRALIA.

*Plague in Adelaide.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor by the direction of the Secretary of State to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a dispatch, No. 79, of January 16, 1900, from the consul of the United States at New Castle, New South Wales, which reads as follows:

Doubtless you have been advised that the bubonic plague has broken out in Adelaide, South Australia. As the quarantine regulations of this colony are so strict all vessels arriving from the infected ports will be quarantined three weeks, and on this account it is not anticipated that the plague will reach this colony.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,  
*Third Assistant Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## BELGIUM.

*Report from Antwerp.*ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *February 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamship *Westernland* sailed this morning for New York, with 590 steerage passengers. One was rejected for trachoma; another, a child with some throat affection, possibly diptheritic, was detained for observation, and with it the remainder of the family, 9 in all.

I am informed that the case mentioned in my letter of the 23d instant, upon more careful inspection, was returned to his home. It was not admitted that he was at present suffering from syphilis, but it was acknowledged that at some remote date he might possibly have had the disease.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

*Smallpox present.*VICTORIA, B. C., *March 2, 1900.*

SIR: The present status of the smallpox outbreak in this Province is as follows:

District, city or municipality.	Date of outbreak.	New cases since last report.	Total cases.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.
Nelson District.....	Feb. 8	0	1	0	0	1
Nelson City .....	Feb. 16	0	1	0	0	1
Rossland .....	Feb. 9	1	3	0	0	3
Nakusp.....	Feb. 23	1	1	0	0	1
Total .....		2	6	0	0	6

Rossland and Nelson cases are in pesthouses. Beaver case in isolated shanty. All persons in contact with a case when discovered are quar-